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McCANN, KEVIN, Military Associate, College President, and Special Assistant to the President: Records, 1945-60

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The records of Kevin McCann, Military Associate of General Eisenhower, President of Defiance College, and Special Assistant to the President were deposited in the Eisenhower Library prior to 1964 and August 24, 1966. The two accessions were combined to facilitate their use.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4.5 Approximate number of pages: 10,500 Approximate number of items: 2,500

Literary rights to the papers have passed to the United States as indicated in President Eisenhower's letter to Franklin Floete dated April 13, 1960.

As indicated in President Eisenhower's letter to Franklin Floete dated April 13, 1960, the following classes of documents will be withheld from research use:

- 1. Papers that are security-classified pursuant to law or Executive Order, until such classification shall be removed.
- 2. Papers the use of which may be prejudicial to the maintenance of good relations with foreign nations.
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- 4. Papers relating to my family or private business affairs, and papers relating to the families or private business affairs of persons who have had correspondence with me.
- 5. Papers containing statements about individuals which might be used to injure or harass them or members of their families.
- 6. Such other individual files as I, or my representative, or the Administrator of General Services may specify.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of Kevin McCann span the years 1946 to 1960, the bulk of which are speeches written for President Eisenhower from 1953 to 1960 while McCann was Special Assistant to the President.

The Pre-Presidential papers include speeches, Chief of Staff Biennial Reports, articles for various magazines, and reports of various matters of military concern. The topics of the speeches cover post-war problems of the Armed Forces and summaries of war efforts. The speeches were given both in the U.S. and overseas, largely on public occasions. Reports concern such subjects as combat organization, the National Guard, and administrative matters, Magazine articles touch on the victories of WW II. These records constitute about ten per cent of the collection.

The Presidential speeches make up approximately seventy-five percent of the papers. Included are Party speeches and messages of the 1956 campaign and the 1960 Nixon campaign, speeches and messages concerned with various domestic and international aspects of the administration, correspondence (arranged chronologically) from the President's Office from December 1954 to April 1956, and public service messages. Corrected and amended drafts of the speeches and messages and correspondence directly relating to the speeches are included.

The speeches given by Kevin McCann and Arthur Summerfield constitute fifteen percent of the collection. McCann's papers include speeches on educational topics, party speeches, and speeches written for others as well as some correspondence related to McCann's presidency of Defiance College. The Summerfield speeches, written by McCann, include talks at his boyhood home in Michigan, in Oklahoma where he discussed Eisenhower's illness, and some 1956 campaign speeches.

The two accessions have been combined in chronological order within the three series. Container lists of the original collections are available.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

1904, October 12	Born, Sperrin Mountains, North Ireland
1924	B.A., St. Mary's College
1926	M.A., St. Mary's College
1942	Joined U.S. Army
1946	Joined Eisenhower Staff
1951	President, Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio
1952	Man from Abilene
1955	Special Assistant to the President
1957	Returned to Defiance College

SERIES DESCRIPTION

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- 1-2 Speeches and Correspondence--Dwight D. Eisenhower: Pre-Presidential, 2 containers. Arranged chronologically by speeches, reports and magazine articles written during Eisenhower's tenure as Chief of Staff. One speech written during Eisenhower's tour as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe is placed at the end of the series. 1946-1950.
- 3-12 Speeches and Correspondence--Dwight D. Eisenhower: Presidential, 10 containers. Arranged chronologically by correspondence and speeches, 1953-1960. Some correspondence concerning specific speeches and press releases of those speeches are filed with the speech drafts.
- 13-14 Speeches and Correspondence--Kevin McCann and Arthur Summerfield, 2 containers. Arranged in two sub-series. The first sub-series consists of correspondence and speeches of Kevin McCann, 1955-1960. Undated speeches, magazine articles, and a project for Defiance College are placed at the end of this sub-series. The second sub-series includes chronologically arranged speeches written for and given by Arthur Summerfield.

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Drafts of Chief of Staff Biennial Report (1947) (1)-(4)

2 Draft Magazine Article on Reconquest of the Philippine Islands and on Conquered Germany (1945)

Galley Proofs "The Interim Period, Occupation and Related Missions" [Dated June 5, 1947]

Gabriel Silver Lecture on Peace [Draft Dated 3/15/50]

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4 Ottawa Drafts [Nov. 14, 1953]

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4 Program Speech, August 23, 1954

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Material for President's report to the Nation, Summer, 1955-Not Used

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Foreign Economic Policy, Due: Jan. 10, 1955

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5 Armed Forces Reserve Plan and Military Pay, Due: Jan. 13, 1955

Health Message, Due: Jan. 24, 1955 [Delivered Jan. 31, 1955]

Crusade for Freedom Remarks [Feb. 8, 1955]

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National Committee, February 17, 1955

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Brotherhood Week [Feb. 22, 1955]

Highway Message [Feb. 22, 1955]

Notes for Shriner Breakfast [Feb. 24, 1955]

New Orleans Inter-American Investment Conference [Feb. 28, 1955]

Red Cross Speech [Feb. 28, 1955]

Charles E. Wilson (Electric) Peace Plan-Draft of Reply (Presidential)

Citadel Notes [April 12, 1955]

5 F.O.A. Message, April 20, 1955 (cont.)

6 Dr. Jonas Salk Citation-April 22, 1955

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United Nations Speech, Great Stone Face Speech, Rutland Speech, Soo Locks Speech, and Report to the Nation [May-July, 1955]

International Finance Corporation Message, Due: May 2, 1955

President's Remarks-Governors' Meeting, Washington, May 2, 1955

Dedication of the Washington Hebrew Congregation Temple, May 6, 1955, President's Remarks

President's Remarks at Republican Women's National Conference-May 10, 1955

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Dedication of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, May 26, 1955, Walter Reed Hospital

7 Columbia Drafts [May 31, 1955]

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President's New England Talks, June 22-27, 1955

Community Campaign Statement by the President-July 12, 1955 [Aired Sept. 27, 1955]

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7 Atoms for Peace-Stamp Ceremony, July 28, 1955

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Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy-Message of the President-Transmitted to the United Nations Conference at Geneva, August 8, 1955

American Bar Association Speech, Philadelphia-Aug. 24, 1955

8 Presidents Eisenhower's Notes for Republican Chairmen-Sept. 10, 1955

AFL-CIO Merger Speech, Dec. 5, 1955

Christmas Message, Due: Dec. 17, 1955

President's Remarks at Tree Lighting Ceremony for the Pageant for Peace-Dec. 18, 1955

Miscellaneous Campaign Material (1956)

State of the Union Message, Due: Jan. 5, 1956

Agriculture-Special Message to Congress, Jan. 9, 1956

Education-Special Message to Congress, Jan. 12, 1956

9 "Salute to Eisenhower"-Jan. 20, 1956; President Eisenhower's TV Talk

Health-Special Message to Congress, Jan. 26, 1956

Special Message on Immigration-Feb. 8, 1956

President's Farm Bill Veto Message-April 6, 1956

American Society of Newspaper Editors-Foreign Policy Speech, April 21, 1956

Dedication of General Motors Technical Center by the President, May 16, 1956

Commencement Address by the President-Baylor University (Waco Texas), May 25, 1956

President's Message "To the Graduate of 1956" [Project not Completed]

9 President's Address at Panama-July 22, 1956 (cont.)

National Civil Defense Week, September 9-15 Tape Recording by the President

People-to-People Program-Sept. 11, 1956

Gettysburg Talk by the President-Sept. 12, 1956

Cabinet Series (Filming by the President), Sept. 18, 1956

Remarks of the President at the Plowing Matches, Colfax, Iowa, Sept. 21, 1956

Remarks by the President at the International Bank and Monetary Fund, Sept. 28, 1956 and Tape Recording of "Four Full Years"

Cleveland, Ohio and Lexington, Kentucky Campaign Speeches by the President-Oct. 1, 1956

President's Message to the Armed Forces on Election, Oct. 3, 1956 (Tape Recording)

St. Paul and Minneapolis Campaign Speeches-Oct. 15, 1956

Upper Colorado Ground-Breaking Ceremony-Oct. 15, 1956

President's West Coast Campaign Speeches-Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, and Los Angeles (Week of Oct. 15, 1956)

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President's H-Bomb Statement-Oct. 24, 1956

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Statement on Rome Arrival [Dec. 4, 1959]

Notes for Ankara Dinner [Dec. 6, 1959]

Notes for Parliament on India [Dec. 10, 1959]

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Remarks Before Leaving for Summit Conference [May, 1960]

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Japanese Diet [June, 1960; Not Delivered]

Republican Workshop Carbons [June, 1960]

Governors' Conference (Draft 6/8/60)

Remarks Before Departure to the Far East [June 12, 1960]

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Joint Session of the Philippines Congress [June 15, 1960]

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Statement at the Geneva Conference [June 18, 1960]

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SPEECHES AND CORRESPONDENCE Kevin McCann and Arthur Summerfield

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13 Oct. 31, 1960: KMcC

Draft-Remedy for Economic Thinking [March 26, 1955-Written for Charles M. (cont.) White]

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Armed Forces Librarians Talk by KMcC-Philadelphia, July 7, 1955

Pittsburgh High School of the Air, Speech by Kevin McCann-Sept. 21, 1955

American Chemical Society Convention, Dec. 6, 1955 (Talk by Kevin McCann)

Kevin McCann's Lincoln Day Dinner Speech, Patterson, New Jersey-Feb. 11, 1956

Kevin McCann's Grand Rapids, Michigan Speech-June 28, 1956

Mr. McCann's Notes for Toledo Dinner, Assn. of Home Builders-Jan.10, 1957

Mr. McCann's Notes for the Bridgeport, Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Dinner-Jan. 28, 1957

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Article on DDE-May 13, 1960 (For Lou Guylay)

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The Center of the Americas-Background and Information

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